

FOR UNITED STATES PATENT OR DESIGN APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No. 13546

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BOTTOM VALVE APPARATUS OF HYDRAULIC SHOCK ABSORBER

the specification of which

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Prior US Provisional or Foreign Application(s):

<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u> (Day/Month/Year)
Patent Application No. 2003-002642	Japan	08/01/2003

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, and any prior filed International application under 35 USC § 365 listed below, and so far as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application.

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